

Grammar Practice Rephrasing

1. I'll take my car to the garage tomorrow so that they can repair it (CAUSATIVE PASSIVE)
I will have my car repaired tomorrow
2. He may be late, but he can meet us at the Whale Cafeteria. CONDITIONAL
If he is late, he can/will be able to meet us at the Whale Cafeteria.
3. "If you don't leave immediately, I'll call the police", she said. REPORTED SPEECH
She said if she/he//we didn't leave immediately, she would call the police.
4. They will have to do something. PASSIVE
Something will have to be done.
5. He showed us how to create a computer-based game. It was very interesting. RELATIVE
He showed us how to create a computer-based game, which was very interesting.
6. He broke his left hand as a result of a skiing accident. CONDITIONAL
If he hadn't had a skiing accident, he wouldn't have broken his left hand
7. I'll definitely pay you back next week", he promised me. REPORTED SPEECH
He promised me he'd definitely pay me back the next week
8. The TV programme was very sad. I watched it last night. RELATIVE
The TV programme (that /which/Ø) I watched last night was very sad.
9. In English, we write the first letter of nationalities in capital letters. PASSIVE
In English, the first letter of nationalities is written in capital letters.
10. Doctor Smith asked Peter: 'Will you marry me?' REPORTED SPEECH
Doctor Smith asked Peter if/whether he would marry him/her
11. A goal was scored by a teenager. He had come on as substitute. RELATIVE
A goal was scored by a teenager who/that had come on as substitute.
12. "Don't forget to turn off the lights and lock the door when you go out", he warned me. REPORTED SPEECH
He warned me not to forget to turn off the lights and lock the door when I went out
13. You can teach robots how to understand human gestures. PASSIVE
Robots can be taught to understand human gestures
14. Drivers do not pay attention. There are a lot of accidents CONDITIONAL
If drivers paid attention, there wouldn't be a lot of accidents
15. Carmen said, 'I'm having problems sleeping this week.' REPORTED SPEECH
Carmen said she was having problems sleeping that week.
16. I didn't get to the meeting on time because my car broke down. CONDITIONAL
I would have got to the meeting on time if my car hadn't broken down.
17. The man was holding the gun. We saw him. RELATIVE
We saw the man who /that was holding the gun
18. That is the classmate. Her girlfriend is my neighbour. RELATIVE
That is the classmate whose girlfriend is my neighbour.
19. I cannot afford to buy a PSP. CONDITIONAL
I would buy a PSP if I could afford it.
20. "Please, please, don't leave me now. I need you", he said to his girlfriend. REPORTED SPEECH
He asked/begged his girlfriend not to leave him then, he said that he needed her
21. Mary Quant created the miniskirt in London. PASSIVE

The miniskirt was created by Mary Quant

22. If Tracy doesn't study harder, she will fail her exam. →

UNLESS Tracy studies harder, she will fail her exam

23. A woman's jewels were stolen. The woman was interviewed by a police officer. RELATIVE

A woman whose jewels were stolen was interviewed by a police officer

24. Can I have some more money?', he asked. REPORTED SPEECH

He asked if/ whether he could have some more money.

25. Stieg Larsson is read all over the world now. He died before publishing any books. RELATIVE

Stieg Larsson, who is read all over the world now, died before publishing any books.

26. They grow vegetables in their vegetable garden. PASSIVE

Vegetables are grown in their vegetable garden

27. Tim didn't buy the milk because he didn't know his mum needed it. → CONDITIONAL

Tim would have bought the milk if he had known his mum needed it.

28. I was working yesterday.' She said. REPORTED

She said she had been working the day before.

29. That is the building. I work there. RELATIVE

That is the building where/in which I work

That is the building Ø/which/that / I work in

30. Passengers should not leave their suitcases in this place. PASSIVE

Passengers' suitcases should not be left in this place

31. Unless you shout, Granny doesn't hear you. →

If you don't you shout, Granny doesn't hear you

32. Peter asked: 'Did he bring the book back?' REPORTED

Peter asked if he had brought the book back

33. That is the job. Alan has applied for it. RELATIVE

That is the job Ø/which/that / Alan has applied for

That is the job for which Alan has applied

34. I didn't have the keys, so I couldn't get into the house. →

If I had had the keys, I would have been able to get into the house.

35. People didn't eat fast food twenty years ago. PASSIVE

Fast food wasn't eaten twenty years ago.

36. No, I won't tell her the truth. You must do it", she told me. REPORTED

She told me that she wouldn't tell her the truth that I had to do it

37. Can you, please, be quiet? The teacher said to the students. REPORTED *

The teacher told/asked the students to be quiet (best option)

The teacher asked the students if they could be quiet

38. I don't go to the swimming pool because I can't swim. →

If I could swim, I would go to the swimming-pool

39. She was smoking a cigarette. It was forbidden there. RELATIVE *

She was smoking a cigarette, which was forbidden there.